Good Start, Grow Smart

Professional Development

Systems of training and instruction developed for the purpose of improving preparation and ongoing development of child care providers.



Key Principles to Consider When Developing Plans for a

Professional Development System



Professional development (PD) systems are:

- Comprehensive;
- Built on a clearly articulated philosophical framework and on a core body of knowledge; and
- Tied to a system of licensure, credentialing, or certification.



PD systems:

- Provide a continuum of training and follow-up activities, taking into account research on effective adult learning principles; and
- Include a comprehensive approach to evaluation.



PD activities:

- Are systematically designed, sequenced, and implemented;
- Include a thorough study of cultural and linguistic diversity;
- Build on participants' past experiences, strengths, and knowledge; and
- Enhance a spirit of lifelong learning and reflective skills.



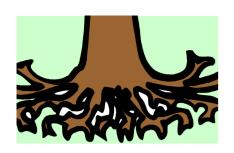
Moving Principles into Practice

Using a simplified framework to:

- Take stock of what's in place;
- Examine where there are gaps;
- Think about realignment and refinement.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM: A Simplified Framework





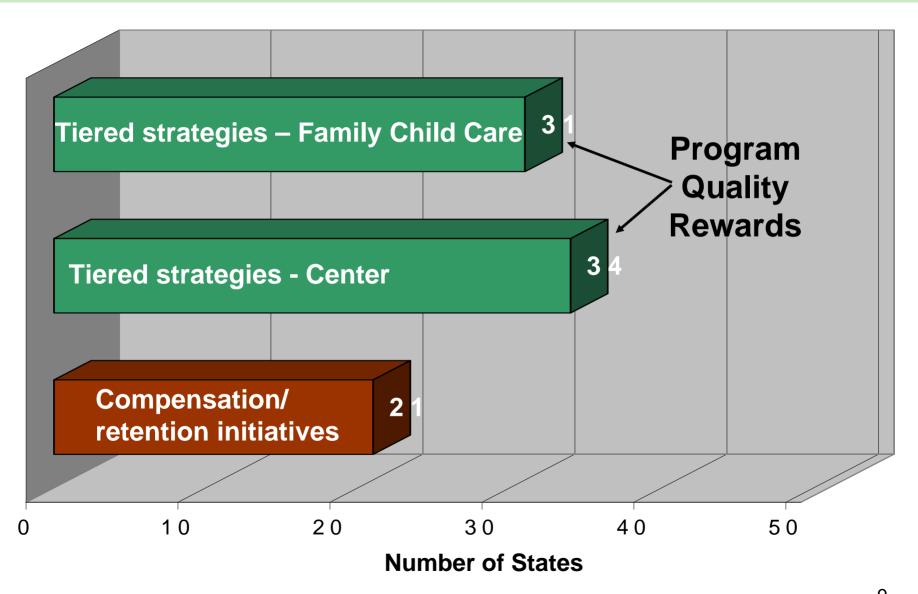
Funding

Scholarships for professional development, courses, degrees

Compensation/retention initiatives

Program quality awards: Tiered reimbursement Tiered quality rewards

Element: Funding



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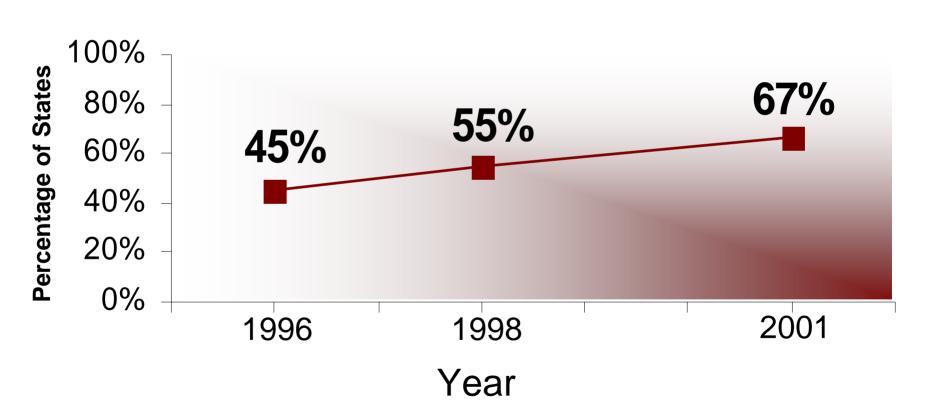


Core body of knowledge/ core competencies

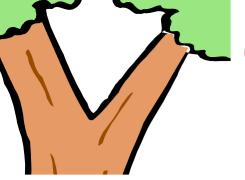
Career Lattice

Element: Core Knowledge

States with Identified Core Knowledge Areas



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Qualifications & Credentials

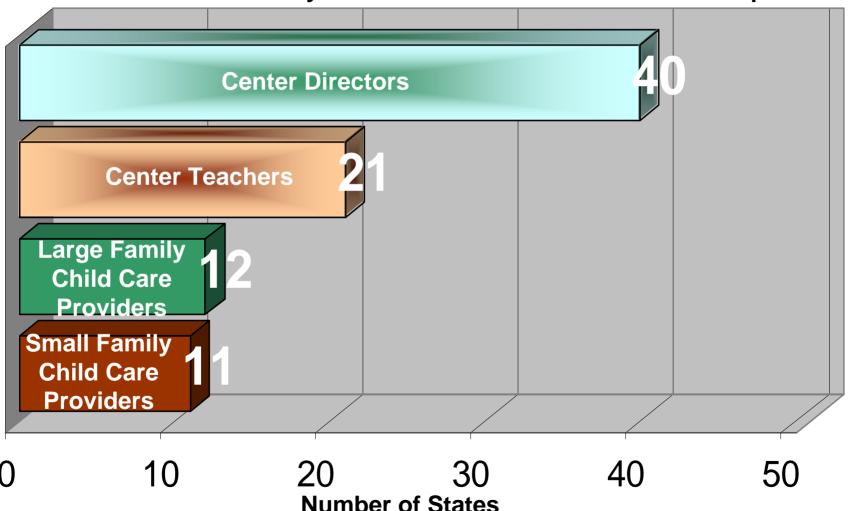
Preservice requirements

Continuing education requirements

Credentials

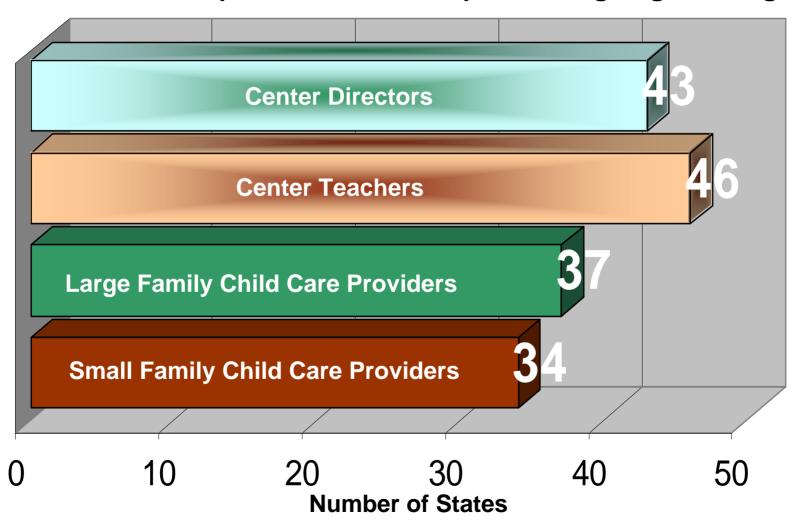
Pathways leading to qualifications, degrees, and credentials

Child Care Licensing Regulations: States that Require Staff to have Preservice Qualifications in Early Childhood Education or Child Development

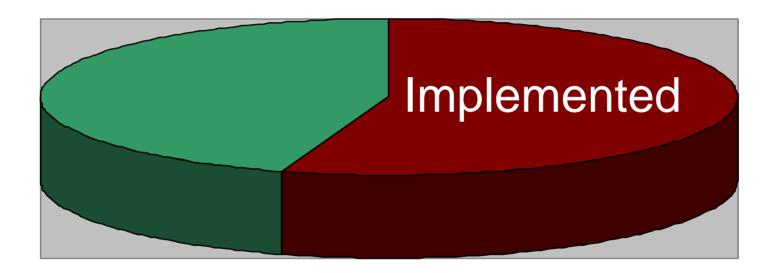


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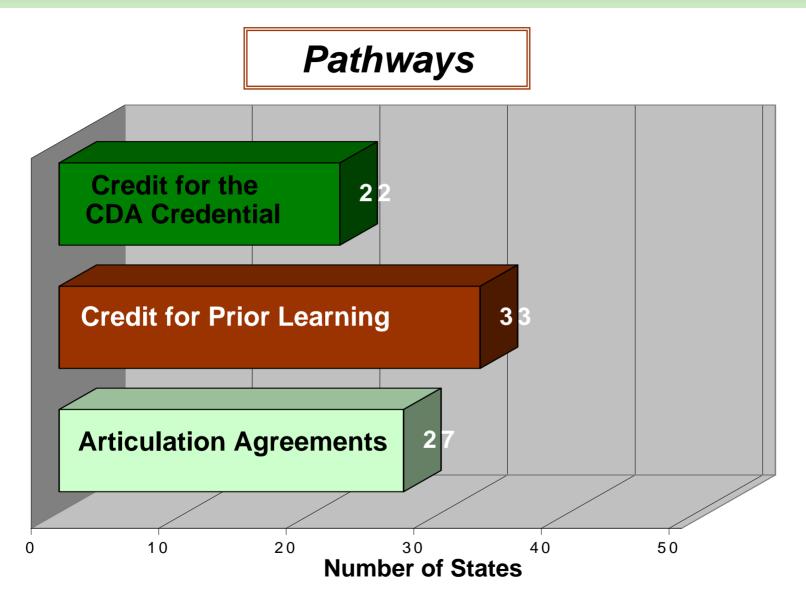
Child Care Licensing Regulations: States that Require Staff to Participate in Ongoing Training



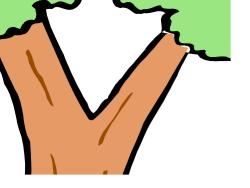
Credentials



In 2001, 55% of States had implemented at least one type of early care and education credential.



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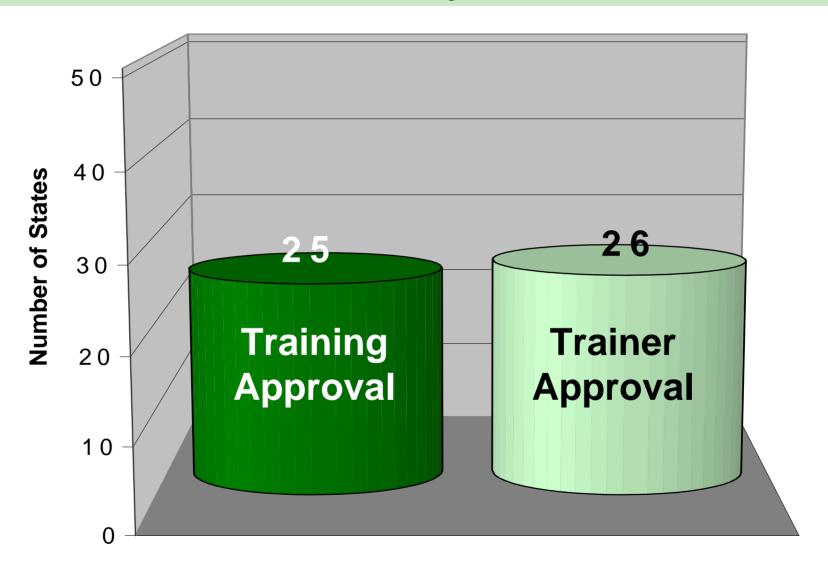
Quality Assurances

Trainer approval

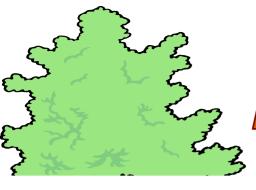
Training approval

Evaluation Processes

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Access and Outreach

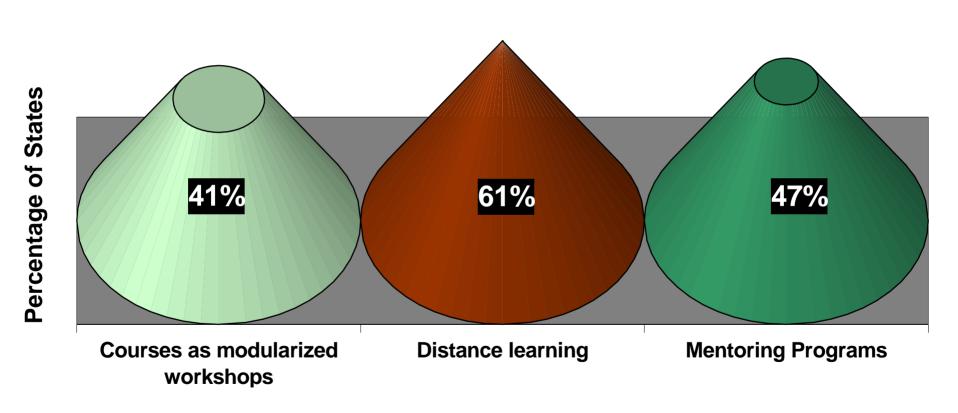
Online database of training and education opportunities

Career development advising

Multiple professional development delivery methods

Element: Access and Outreach

Multiple Delivery Methods



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